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Dear Ms. Elias:

On 6 August 2007 the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 6 August 2007 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

All documents . . . addressed to or signed by the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) from January 1, 2005 to August 1, 2007 related . . . to the early 2005 operation to capture senior members of al-Qaeda...

We accept your request; it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

We have determined that your request falls into the "news media" fee category, which means that you will be required to pay only for the cost of reproducing released records. You will be assessed for document copies at the rate of ten cents per page for pages in excess of the first 100, to which you are entitled free.

Despite our best efforts, the large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable processing delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. We will nonetheless process your request as quickly as we can consistent with its expedited status.

You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

Scott Koch

Information and Privacy Coordinator

